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Annual Report of Trustees for Children

Children's Institutions Department,

Room 49, City Hall,

Boston, February 1, 1918.

Hon. Andrew J. Peters,

Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Sir, — In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 22, of the Revised Ordinances, the Trustees for Children present their Annual Report for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1918, this being the twenty-first year of the Children's Institutions Department, and the sixtieth year of the Institutions Department.

The members of the Board and the times of expiration of their appointments are as follows:—

John O'Hare, *Chairman* . . .	May 1, 1918.
Miss Elizabeth M. Needham . .	" 1919.
Louis A. Ginsburg	" 1920.
James J. Bacigalupo . . .	" 1916.
Miss Margaret Foley . . .	" 1916.
Isaac G. Rosenburg. . . .	" 1922.
James P. Murphy	" 1919.

During the past year twenty-one regular and adjourned meetings of the Trustees have been held.

The standing committees are:—

Committee on Finance.— ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Committee on Schools.—MISS NEEDHAM, MR. BACIGALUPO and DR. ROSENBURG.

Committee on Placing-out Division.— MISS FOLEY, MR. GINSBURG and MISS NEEDHAM.

Committee on Releases.— THE CHAIRMAN, DR. ROSENBURG and MR. MURPHY.

Committee on Legislation.—MR. BACIGALUPO, MISS FOLEY and MR. GINSBURG.

The members of the Board serve on the Visiting Committee for the Suffolk School for Boys. The Trustees also visit the children placed out in families and institutions at intervals.

The children under the care of the Board are classed as follows:—

(*a.*) Delinquent children at the Suffolk School for Boys (Rainsford Island) and probationers therefrom.

(*b.*) Dependent and Neglected children boarded or placed free in families (usually in the country) and a number in the care of schools for defectives or other hospitals or institutions not under the management of the Trustees, where they have been placed for training or hospital treatment at the expense of this Department.

The total number of children now in the care of the Department is 1,482 or 7 less than at the beginning of the year, divided as follows: —

In the Suffolk School for Boys	130
On probation from the Suffolk School for Boys	305
Dependent children	807
Neglected children	240
Total	1,482

The total number of children admitted to the care of the Department during the year was 325, divided as follows: —

Delinquent children	90
Dependent "	203
Neglected "	32
Total	325

The total number of children discharged from the Department during the year was 332, divided as follows: —

From the Suffolk School for Boys	1
" Suffolk School for Boys, probationers	106
" Dependent and Neglected children	225
Total	332

Ninety-seven boys from the Suffolk School for Boys were released on probation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total net cost of maintenance of the Children's Institutions Department for the year was $181,958.20, which, divided among the whole average number of children (1,479) makes an average per capita expense of $123.03 for the year, or $2.36 per week.

An analysis of the expenses of the Placing-Out and Office Division, and the Suffolk School for Boys, is given in Tables 2B to 2F, inclusive.

The net cost of the Placing-Out and Office Division, with its estimated share of the office expenses amounted to $133,595.17. This includes a credit of $1,514.00 on account of the increase in the inventory of clothing on hand February 1, 1918, from the inventory of the year previous.

Of this amount, $ 9,464.02 has been paid for the board of children in the Massachusetts Hospital School at Canton and the Massachusetts State Infirmary.

The remainder, $124,131.15, has been paid for an average of 698 children boarded in families and an average of 263 children in free homes. Taking together all children placed in families (961) we find the average per capita cost for the year to be $129.17, or $2.48 per week.

The total net cost of caring for the delinquent children was $46,849.03, of which $45,020.52 was used for the Suffolk School for boys, including an estimated share of the office expenses, $500. Deducting $3,773.63 as a portion of the amount spent for permanent improvements and furnishings, the average per capita cost for each boy actually in the Institution (106) was $389.12 for the year, or $7.42 per week.

The remainder, $1,828.51, represents the amount expended on the visitation of boys on probation in their own homes and homes in the country, the clothing furnished by the Placing-Out and Office Division to some of these boys when going to country homes, and board paid for an average of three boys for the year. Taking together all delinquents, both in the Suffolk School for Boys and on probation (an average of

428,) the average per capita cost for year was $109.46 or $2.10 per week.

During the year one child attending High and Agricultural school was assisted from the Sawyer Fund Income to the amount of $8.00, the money being expended for transportation.

From the special appropriation for repairing wharf, fire protection, etc., at the Suffolk School for Boys, we have expended $381.77; in addition $700 was expended from the maintenance appropriation on this work.

THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The object of the Suffolk School for Boys, Rainsford Island, Boston Harbor, is to awaken in the delinquent boys committed to its care a true knowledge of the error of their ways of living and to incite them to lead honest and useful lives when they are restored to the community. It is apparent that patience and perserverance must be employed in this important work to bring desired results. Dr. William Healy, director of the Baker foundation, who has had unlimited experience in dealing with delinquents says that each child needs special study and the best results can only be obtained when individual attention can be given to each pupil. This is one advantage of the Suffolk School over larger schools where the individuality is lost in a proportionate degree.

The Trustees would call attention in the Superintendent's report which follows, to the practical results obtained in this school. It must be remembered that these boys are failures according to the verdict of the public school, probation officers, etc. and that the saving them to the community consequently is of inestimable value, at this critical time when the conservation of youth is of such national importance. Nearly 100 of these youths have rallied to the support of America's cause by their enlistment in her service. These boys are envied by some of the younger pupils who are impatiently awaiting the time when they will be eligible to follow the colors. One boy in the school has the proud distinction of having 5 brothers in the service. From their discussions is manifested their eagerness to defend the principles of their native country. It would seem they were obsessed with the sentiments of George Washington who said "The name America to which you are entitled by your national capacity must always exalt the just pride of patriotism."

The academic work is most important and the school follows the course prescribed by the Public School, in order that a boy upon his release may enter the grade where he would have been had not his studies been interrupted.

Attention is given to industrial training. We have classes in shoe-making where the boys make shoes for our Placing-

out Department and other institutions. The class in printing has its quota of pupils. This report is an example of their work. The class in farming raises the vegetables required. The class in carpentry make chairs and do the necessary repairs on the buildings. Boys employed in the kitchen, which is a veritable school of household economics, receive useful instruction, which has been of special advantage to those enlisting. The class in sewing receive profitable instruction, which is also helpful to those entering the service. A detailed account of these industries is contained in the Superintendent's report.

Among the improvements made during the past year, was the installation of a high presure fire-pump as a protection in case of fire, while as a fire preventative all the electric wires have been put in conduits, and the engine and boiler rooms have been made fire proof. Recommendations might be made for other expenditures were it not that our Country is at war and conservation is necessary; consequently, our mechanics and materials must be released in loyalty to our Government, where the demand for such is great.

In this school, the boy's spiritual welfare receives consideration; the Catholic boys, as heretofore, are under the guidance of Rev. James J. Bric, S. J., assisted by his voluntary staff of Sunday School teachers; the Protestant boys are in care of Rev. George E. Stokes D. D. and the Hebrew boys are instructed by Mr. N. I. Goodman, and, since his enlistment, by Miss Furst.

The Trustees wish to express their gratitude to what was formerly the 9th regiment and now the 101st, for their instruction in military training to the boys.

The Trustees also take this opportunity to thank the Boston Public Library for their generous supply of books and current magazines and to all who have rendered assistance.

This kindly co-operation is praiseworthy. Encouragement is needed and every effort is well repaid that not only incites these boys to right living, but at the same time help thems to realise

"The life that counts must helpful be
The cares and needs of others see,
Must seek the slaves of fear to free,
That is the life that counts."

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Boston, Feb. 1, 1918.

To the Trustees for Children:—

In accordance with custom, I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending January 31, 1918.

STATISTICS.

Number of boys in the School Feb. 1, 1917	97	
" " " committed during the year	90	
" " " returned from probation	40	
		227
" " " released on probation	96	
" " " discharged	1	
		97
" " " in the School Jan. 31, 1918		130

Average daily attendance	106+
" age of boys committed	13.74 years
" " released	14.87 "
" length of time spent in the School	12.46 mos.
Weekly cost per capita	$7.46

The average daily attendance has decreased from 12 4to 106. There have been 89 commitments from the various courts, an increase of 36. There have been 41 boys returned from probation, an increase of 9. There were 97 releases as against 132 last year. There have been no deaths, serious illness, nor epidemics. Fifty of the boys released during the past two years have entered the service either in the Army or Navy. One of our officers, John R. Duggan, enlisted in the Naval Reserves and another, John Mulvey, joined the Merchant Marines.

New shoe-making machines have been placed in the sloyd building and the industry is again up-to-date, although in cramped quarters. The plant, including machines owned and leased, stock on hand finished and unfinished, and building, is valued at $8000; $3000 of which was expended out of the

maintenance appropriation this year. A revenue of $7147.25 was secured to us from the sale of the products of our several industries.

The fire pump reservoir and brick building for same have been completed. Five hundred dollars was transferred from our maintenance appropriation to complete this work.

There have been no runaways or attempts to escape.

HEALTH

The health of both the boys and officers has been unusually good. Only 5 cases were sent to Long Island Hospital for treatment, 3 of which were for injuries received. I append the report of the resident physician.

Boston, Feb. 1, 1917.

To Supt. J.J. Ryan, *Suffolk School for Boys* :—

As is usual, I herewith hand you my report of the Medical Department. There have been treated in the Dispensary 615 cases. Of these 5 were sent to Long Island Hospital. Three of these were cases of injuries of a more serious nature, 2 of which have recovered and gone home. Of the cases treated 120 were injuries of more or less gravity received by the boys at play and work. They were all treated in the Dispensary with the exception of the three cases mentioned above.

Dr. Edward J. Palmer has cared for the teeth of the boys regularly and efficiently. We have been fortunate in escaping an epidemic of any kind and the health of the boys has been exceptionally good.

RIVES TATUM, M. D.
Resident Physician

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Our work in the school rooms has been carried on the same as last year. Two changes took place in the teaching force. No interruptions have occured. There was the usual exhibition of school, industrial and farm work accomplished during the year. The closing exercises were held as usual out of doors and consisted of recitations, chorus work and drills. A patriotic program was featured. John E. Gilman, Past Commander of the G. A. R., gave a patriotic address. A detail from the machine gun company of the 9th Massachusetts now the 101st regiment drilled the boys last summer.

The school equipment is good. The reading is supplemened by books and magazines from the Public Library.

I recommend that a moving picture machine be installed for class room work.

INDUSTRIES

Shoe Making: The classes in shoe making have supplied the boys here with shoes and slippers, the inmates at Long Island with shoes and slippers, the boys at the Farm and Trade School with shoes, the boys in the care of the Placing Out Division of the Children's Institutions Department with shoes.

Financial Statement.

Machines on hand Feb. 1, 1918		$1000	00	
" and equipment bought		2573	63	
Royalties		177	03	
Leather		2920	42	
Findings, Tools and Repairs		1952	61	
				8623 69
Value rec'd for output	$5316	35		
Inventory	4573	63		
				$9889 98
Credit Balance				1266 29

Printing: The classes in Printing set up and print all forms, letterheads, envelopes etc. for both divisions of the Children's Institutions Department, edit and publish a monthly magazine named "The Leader." This report is a sample of the work done in the Printing Department.

Financial Statement

Inventory Feb. 1, 1917		$2000	00	
Stock purchased		543	36	
				2543 36
Value of output	1475	21		
Inventory	2000	00		
				3475 21
Credit Balance				931 85

Farming: The classes in agriculture have supplied us with vegetables, milk, pork, eggs, fowl, veal, etc., as follows;

Milk	23,360	pounds
Eggs	1,728	dozen

Pork	4,300	pounds
Veal	350	"
Fowl	490	"
Hubbard squash	2,300	"
Summer "	1,400	"
Pumpkin	1,000	"
Rhubarb	2,000	"
Radishes	1,200	"
Lettuce	110	bushels
Beet greens and swiss chard	100	"
Green peas	35	"
Onions	65	"
String beans	40	"
Beets	45	"
Cucumbers	40	"
Green corn	1,200	dozen
Cabbage	1,000	heads
Summer turnips	50	bushels
Winter "	80	"
Parsnips	40	"
Carrots	100	"
Tomatoes	50	"
Spinach	45	"
Parsley	5	"
Celery	300	bunches
Asparagus	25	"
Cauliflower	50	heads
Apples	5	barrels

Laundry boys have washed and ironed 112,494 pieces. They have done personal laundry for the officers to the value of $750.12. Total value of all laundry work done $3281.07.

The tailors have cut and made garments as follows:

White Shirts	51
Colored "	156
Pants	124
Overalls	192
Towels	362
Aprons	40
Night shirts	38
Pillow slips	99
Sheets	99

Value of articles made $611.75. They have made 10,512 repairs on garments and darned 11,646 pairs of stockings.

Carpentry: The classes in carpentry have done considerable new work of a more or less permanent nature as well as the general repairs necessary about the institution. A cement floor with drainage has been put in the head house at the piggery. A cement culvert for the steam pipe leading to the barn. The roof, windows and door frames placed in the pump house. The building made ready for the shoe machinery. New work and repairs valued at $1409.30 has been done this year.

Engineering department has made repairs and new work valued at $1015.66 this year. The exhaust steam has been piped to the barn. The store room for pipe and fittings and the work shop has been moved from the building used as the ice house, to one of the unused school rooms.

RELIGIOUS

The religious services have been conducted as usual by Rev. James J. Bric, S. J. and Rev.George E. Stokes, D. D., with their efficient corps of Sunday School teachers. Mr. N. I. Goodman enlisted in the Military Service and Miss Furst is supplying for him.

IMPROVEMENTS

Through the kindness of the Park and Recreation department a number of trees and shrubs have been set out and the general appearance of the grounds improved. The system for fire protection has been completed and a new hydrant has been installed at the piggery. As stated elsewhere the barn is now heated by the exhaust steam from the engine.

GENERAL

It is unnecessary to state that the cost of maintenance has greatly increased and will continue at a high figure during the period of the war. We are following the recommendations of the Food Administrators and teaching patriotism and self sacrifice in every possible way. It is a source of satisfaction to note that 20 percent of the boys released during the past two years have enlisted in the service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Our needs are great but this is not the time to make large expenditures.

CONCLUSION

I desire to take this opportunity to thank the members of the machine gun company of the old Ninth now the 101st Regiment for their assistance in teaching the boys military drill last summer, the different organizations which furnished entertainment during the past year, the employees who ably co-operated with me, and the Trustees for their visits, interest and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. RYAN,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF PAROLE AGENT OF SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Boston, Feb. 1, 1918

To the Trustees for Children:-

A report of his duties as Parole Agent of the Suffolk School for Boys herewith submitted for the year 1917-18.

Number of boys on probation	355	
" released on probation	97	452
Number of boys returned by Trustees	40	
" discharged	107	
Now on probation	305	452
Number of boys on probation at home	269	
" in country homes	32	
" free in institutions	4	305
Number of visits to boys homes	1012	
" in country homes	88	
" of boys to office	2000	
Number of visits to courts account probationers	83	
Situations procured	40	
Boys in boarding homes	1	
" free homes	26	
" receiving wages	31	

Parole Agent visited 30 other boys in care of the Department as dependent and neglected children, and as customary made 4 visits to each of these children. It is a pleasure to report that 47 of the probationers from the Suffolk School have enlisted in the United States service.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD J. O'MARA

Parole Agent

THE PLACING OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The important work of the Placing-Out Division increases and progresses year by year. To this division is entrusted the placing of the dependent and neglected children of the City of Boston in suitable homes to board. The money expended in this work of protecting and safe-guarding the children is well spent when it is considered that a nation to be truly great and to be sure of future developments must realize that its greatest wealth lies in its children, its highest possibilities are wrapped up in all its little ones and that its one hope for the future is in the children of the nation. The conservation of youth is particularly emphasized at the present time when great sacrifices and demands are exacted by war.

From the appended report of the General Agent of this division can be seen from the enlistments how the spirit of patriotism pervaded these boys, who, only a few years ago, were helpless children. It may be stated here, that previous to placing one of the wards to board, the home is thoroughly investigated, and the child is visited once at least every three months.

Some of the Trustees also visit these homes, in order to be sure that the best possible attention is given to our wards. It is the policy of the Trustees, and this is rigidly enforced, that children are placed in homes of the same religion as that of their parents.

It is interesting to note how responsive these little children are to kindness, and how fond the foster-mothers become of them, often adopting them so as not to be separated from them It is always gratifying to your Trustee, when schools are visited, to hear favorable reports of "our chidren." They grow up to be a part of the community in which they live, and oftentimes this little stranger has so thoroughly ingratiated herself in the home, she is deemed indispensable.

Many of the children have shown adaptability for study,

and have been given the opportunity to continue after they have reached the self-supporting age. Sometimes the families with whom they have been boarded are pleased to extend to them these advantages; what is most gratifing, we had 21 girls and 30 boys continued in boarding homes while attending high school; as a result our girls and boys in some instances graduate from the high, and perhaps later take up a Commercial Course, and afterwards they may take Civil Service Examinations, and thus be eligible for good positions.

The good health of the children is an important consideration and the surroundings conducive to this are potent factors in the selection of the home, for it is obvious that this home must take the place of the one that the child has been deprived by the death of one or both parents, and that in this foster home everything should be done to lessen the heartburnings and loneliness that they must suffer when they see more fortunate children accompanied by kind parents. The importance of this work is therefore apparent.

The Trustees avail themselves of this opportunity to express their appreciation to all who have aided and helped in this work.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT FOR THE PLACING-OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1918.

To the Trustees for Children:—

The Annual Report of the General Agent of the Placing-Out and Offices Division for the year ending January 31 1918, is hereby submitted:—

The year just closed has been a busy, as well as an interesting and trying one, but the loyalty of the office force, with its earnest enthusiasm, has overcome many difficulties and the report will show that the division has retained its well-known efficiency. Private agencies, which in the past have cared for many problems, have been forced, owing to the lack of funds resulting from the war exigencies, to refer many cases to us for disposition. The strain has been somewhat relieved by the excellent workings of the Mother's Aid Law through the Overseers of the Poor, and many mothers who otherwise would have been obliged to part with their little ones have been enabled to keep them by the family fireside.

The division places out minor wards of the City of Boston and provides for their care, custody and control. They are classed under three heads:

Dependent Children. Those whose parents or relatives, on account of misfortune or illness, are unable to care for them.

Neglected Children. Commitments from the courts, owing to the neglect or uncertain habits of parents or guardians.

Juvenile Delinquents. Boys between the ages of 8 and 17, on probation from the Suffolk School for Boys during their minority, or for any less term.

On January 31st, 1918, the end of our year, there were 1392 children in custody of this division, classed as follows:.

DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

In boarding homes	546
In free homes	167

In hospitals or other institutions . .	94	
		807

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

In boarding homes	137	
In free homes	91	
In hospitals or other institutions . .	12	
		240

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

In their own homes	261	
In free homes	26	
In boarding homes	1	
Self-supporting	5	
In penal institutions	4	
Absconded (whereabouts unknown) . .	8	
		305

Applications for the admission of dependent children have been greater in number than in previous years. During the year there were 506 applications for admission of children, an increase of 35 percent over the previous year. Of this number 235 or 46 percent were accepted, which includes 10 applications which were held over from the year previous. There were withdrawn 75 cases, (twenty cases were refused) and 26 are awaiting disposition or require further data. There were 32 Neglected Children committed from the various courts to the care of the Trustees. To other agencies or institutions, there were referred 132 cases (See Table No. 15.)

Applications for the care of children are made at the office. The legal settlement is quickly established, and as much as possible of the family history obtained. When the children are accepted they are freshly cleansed, neatly clothed and examined by the office physician. If suitable for placing out, the home list is consulted and the visitors transfer the new wards to their foster homes. Should hospital or expert treatment be recommended the transfer is made to a hospital or special home. Following a well-established rule of the Board of Trustees the wards are placed in families of the same religious faith as that of parents. An outfit of clothing is sent with each child. Visits of inspection are made

every three months. Instructions are given to notify the office at once should any serious illness or accident occur. Correspondence between the children and parents and near relatives is urged and encouraged. Juvenile Delinquents on parole from the Board of Trustees are placed in country homes or returned to their parents and work is secured for them. Encouragement and advice is given by the Parole Agent who visits them every three months.

The health of the children has been generally good, a large number of minor operations for the removal of tonsils and adenoids having been performed in compliance with suggestions from school authorities and local physicians. Of the 30 deaths, 3 were caused by Diphtheria, 3 by Marasmus, 5 by Malnutrition, 1 by Tumor, 1 by Heart Disease, 1 by Enteritis, 1 by Osteomylitis, 1 by Intestinal Indigeston, 2 by Pneumonia, 4 by Tuberculosis and 8 by Syphilis. All of these cases came to the department in very poor condition. There were no serious accidents during the year. The Forsyth Dental Infirmary extended unusual courtesies and has given free aid and treatment to a large number of our wards living in the vicinity of the city. The majority of local dentists outside of the city offered the department the benefit of reduced prices. Our visitors used their utmost endeavors to train the children in care of the teeth.

The advanced schooling of the girls and boys has been given special attention and opportunities have been sought to put them in the way of the advantages offered in the different schools. Permission to continue their studies after reaching self-supporting age has been given to some of the more promising children. There were 21 girls and 30 boys over 14 years continued in boarding homes while attending school, an increase over the preceding period of 4 girls and 10 boys. Of the children attending advanced high schools 34 or 73.91 were girls and 12 or 26.09 were boys.

Among the boys the spirit of patriotism has been rampant. Fifteen have entered the service of their country, 10 are awaiting the decision of the War Department and as many more are longing for the approaching day when they will be

old enough to follow the colors. A number of letters have been received from former wards who are now upon the high seas or scattered among the many training camps.

The existence of the war is taxing the resources of the department very heavily. The cost of clothing and supplies has greatly increased and a threatened shortage of manufactured articles may hamper us very seriously. The continued loyalty of our boarding homes is a splendid tribute to the goodness of the many foster mothers and shows a full appreciation for this department. An increase in boarding allowance at the present is absolutely necessary. It will be noted that a decrease of 23 per cent has occurred in the applications for boarding and free homes.

In every case possible an increase of pay for our wage-earning wards has been obtained and as a consequence a number have been enabled to purchase small Liberty Bonds and to enlarge their savings in many ways.

The generosity with which our many demands upon the Boston City Hospital have been treated has greatly helped us to give immediate attention to the medical needs of the little ones. For this assistance, as well as the courtesies extended by the Massachusetts General, Long Island, Floating and Children's Hospitals and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, I record the thanks of the department. To the Overseers of the Poor of Boston and adjacent towns and cities and to the Catholic Charitable Bureau, the Division is greatly indebted for unlimited co-operation.

Miss Lucy MacBride, a visitor and nurse of the office force, in appreciation of her long and valued service to the department, was granted, without pay, a year's leave of absence. Miss MacBride will return the latter part of June.

I offer my sincere thanks to the members of the office force for their loyal co-operation and to the several members of the Board of Trustees for their many kindnesses.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. F. H. Murray,

General Agent.

The report of the Trustees for Children, including report of Officers of the Department is respectfully submitted.

JOHN O'HARE, *Chairman.*
ELIZABETH M. NEEDHAM.
LOUIS A. GINSBURG.
JAMES J. BACIGALUPO.
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ISAAC G. ROSENBERG.
JAMES P. MURPHY.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

TABLE NO. 1.

Comparisons of Admissions, including Court Commitments, for the past Ten Years.

Year.	Dependent.	Neglected.	Truants.	Juvenile Offenders.	Total
1908.....	197	21	104	125	447
1909.....	208	32	91	89	420
1910.....	195	10	66	66	337
1911.....	242	24	54	94	414
1912.....	117	35	92	107	351
1913.....	137	32	70	92	331
1914.....	139	38	38	107	322
1915.....	147	34	..	105	286
1916.....	191	32	..	53	276
1917.....	203	32	..	90	325

During the year there were 130 juvenile offenders committed to the Suffolk School for Boys, 40 of whom had previously been released on probation.

Including these recommitments, there was a total of 365 children admitted during the year.

TABLE NO. 1 A.

Total in Charge by Classes and Present Placing at the end of Years 1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917.

	1914.	Percent.	Total.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	Total.	Percent.	1916.	Percent.	Total.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.	Total	Percent
DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.																
Boarded in families . . . . . { Dependent,	496	62.43	. . .	. . .	537	65.13			553	53.32	. . .	. . .	546	65.23	. . .	. . .
{ Neglected,	122				126				137	13.21			137			
Indentured in families (free homes) . { Dependent,	197	28.78	. . .	. . .	190	26.82			183	17.65	. . .	. . .	167	34.64	. . .	. . .
{ Neglected,	88				83				82	7.91			91			
In Institutions . . . . . { Dependent,	76	8.79	. . .	. . .	70	8.06			74	7.14	. . .	. . .	94	10.13	. . .	. . .
{ Neglected,	11				12				8	.77			12			
			990	69.77			1,018	69.07			1037	69.64			1047	70.65
JUVENILE OFFENDERS.																
In Suffolk School for Boys	121	28.21	. . .	. . .	144	31.58			97	21.46	. . .	. . .	130	29.88	. . .	. . .
At home on probation	261	60.84	. . .	. . .	267	58.55			297	65.71	. . .	. . .	261	60.00	. . .	. . .
Boarded in families on probation	2	.47	. . .	. . .	4	.88			3	.66	. . .	. . .	1	.23	. . .	. . .
Indentured in families on probation	30	6.99	. . .	. . .	21	4.60			35	7.74	. . .	. . .	26	5.98	. . .	. . .
Lost sight of	13	3.03	. . .	. . .	15	3.29			10	2.21	. . .	. . .	8	1.84	. . .	. . .
Doing for themselves	1	.23	. . .	. . .	4	.88			6	1.33	. . .	. . .	5	1.15	. . .	. . .
In Penal Institutions	1	.23	. . .	. . .	1	.22			4	.39	. . .	. . .	4	.92	. . .	. . .
			429	30.23			456	30.93			452	30.36			435	29.35
Total	. . .	100.00	1,419	100.00	. . .	100.00	1,474	100.00	. . .	100.00	1,489	100.00	. . .	100.00	1,482	100.00

TABLE NO. 2.

Average Number of Children in Care of the Department during the Year.

Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Free Homes	263	
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Boarding Homes . . .	698	
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Institutions	90	
Total average number of Dependent and Neglected Children . . .		1,051
Average number of Juvenile Offenders in Suffolk School for Boys	106	
Average number of Juvenile Offenders on Probation from Suffolk School . . .	*322	
Total average number of Juvenile Offenders		428
Total average in care of the Department .		1,479

*Of this number an average of 33 were placed by the Placing-Out Division in country homes, for two of whom board was paid.

TABLE NO. 2 A.

Total and Average Cost of the Two Divisions.

Placing-Out and Office Division	$140,394 89
Suffolk School for Boys	49,236 11
Total	$189,631 00
Income from the two Divisions, (cash and bills forwarded to the City Collector,)	7,672, 80
Total net cost	$181,958 20
Average per capita cost of total number of children (1,479) under our care for the year	$123 03
Average per capita expense of total number of children per week	$2 60
Expended from Sawyer Marcella Street Home Fund Income	$8 00
Expended from special appropriation for Suffolk School for Boys, repairing Wharf, Fire protection, etc.	$381 77

TABLE NO. 2 B.

Office Expenses

Salaries :		
Permanent employees	$11,874 43	
Temporary (local visitors)	455 00	
" (office)	425 90	
		$12,755 33
Services other than personal		
Printing and binding Annual Report	$275 00	
Printing	367 94	
Postage	602 36	
Expressage	370 85	
Telephone	146 85	
General Plant	41 44	
		1,804 44
Office equipment (typewriter and addressograph)		159 55
Supplies :		
Office supplies (Stationery)	158 62	
Disinfectants	1 98	
General Plant	148 66	
		309 26
Special Items; Pensions,		1,000 00
		$16,028 58

TABLE NO. 2C.

Placing-Out Division.

Board of children (including an average of two probationers)		$90,145 78
Care of children in hospitals.		228 17
Board of children at Massachusetts Hospital School, (average 43).		9,030 60
Board of children at Massachusetts State Infirmary		433 42
Transportation (Visitation and traveling expenses)		4,226 79
Medical care, (physician and dentists)		2,336 25
Wearing apparel and material for same.		17,018 25
Medical equipment, spectacles, etc.		138 45
Medical supplies, prescriptions, etc.		401 80
Toilet articles, etc.		137 07
Educational and recreational supplies		89 76
Fees. (admissions to hospitals)		20 90
Legal expenses account adoption; Fees	113 07	
Advertising	46 00	159 07
		$124,366 31

CREDITS.

Cash received account board of children, (sent to City Collector,)	2,942.72	
Interest on Bank account (sent to City collector)	14.49	
Board paid for an average of 2 probationers	257.55	
Clothing furnished delinquents on probation	70.96	
Increase in inventory of clothing on hand Feb. 1, 1918 over Feb. 1, 1917	1,514.00	
Net total		$4,799.72
		119,566 59

TABLE NO. 2D.

Expenditures of Placing-Out Division		$119,566 59
Estimated proportion of office expenses expended on this Division		16,028. 58
		$135. 595 17
Estimated expenditures account Suffolk School for boys	$1,500.	
Suffolk School Probationers.	500.	2,000 00
		133,595 17
Cost of board of children at other Institutions.		9,464 02
Net expenditures for dependent and neglected children in homes (free and boarding).		$124,131 15

TABLE NO. 2E.

Total cost of dependent and neglected children placed in families (average 961)		$124,131 15
Per capita expense of dependent and neglected children in families		$129 17
Of the average number of dependent and neglected children boarded during the year (698) the average cost of board per capita was		$128 78
The average cost of clothing per capita (estimated),		$ 20 00
The average cost of medical care per capita (estimated)		4 80
Total		$153 58
Of the total number of children placed-out in families the average number boarded during the year (including an average of 2 probationers) was	700	
The average number on indenture (including an average of 31 probationers) was	294	
The total average of children in country homes (both free and boarding homes) was	994	
The cost of board for these children was		$90,145 78
Clothing		17,01825
Transportation		4,226 77
Medical care		2,876 50
Total		$114,267 30
Per capita expense of children placed in families, including these items		$114 96

TABLE NO. 2 F.

Suffolk School for Boys.

Salaries:		
Superintendent	2,000 00	
Officers and Matrons	12,869 90	
Teachers and Instructors	3,389 35	
	18,259 25	
Temporary employees	66 67	
Unassigned	34 00	
		18,359 92
Service other than personal:		
Postage	60 00	
Transportation of persons	3 80	
Cartage and freight	1 50	
Advertising	90	
Telephone and repairs	144 59	
Medical	66 64	
Fees, (sealing scales)	3 00	
Insurance	72 15	
Horse shoeing	45 00	
General plant	927 19	
		1,324 77
Equipment:		
Furnishings	199 83	
Educational and recreational	84 34	
Livestock	11 00	
Medical and surgical	5 75	
Tools and instruments	307 56	
Wearing apparel	193 85	
		802 33
Supplies:		
Food	9,062 76	
Fuel	6,059 54	
Forage and animal	2,151 15	
Medical	41 23	
Laundry, cleaning and toilet	573 80	
Educational and recreational	40 60	
Agricultural	51 81	
Motor vehicle (boat)	22 19	
General plant	252 30	
		18,255 38
Materials:		
Building	1,503 13	
Electrical	182 37	
General plant	400 86	
		2,086 36
Pension		262 50

TABLE NO. 2F. CONT.

Industries		
Shoemaking	$7,623 69	
Printing	521 16	
		8,144 85
Total		$49,236 11
Estimated proportion of office expenses		$500 00
		$49,736 11
CREDITS.		
Income from Shoe shop	$4,102 60	
" " Printing	612 99	
Total sent to City Collector		$4,715 59
		$45,020 52
Deducting: Machinery bought to replace that destroyed by fire	$2,573 63	
Permanent improvements	500 00	
Paid account Fire Protection	700 00	
		$3,773 63
Net total expenditures		$41,246 89
Per capita expense of an average of 106 boys at the Suffolk School during the year		389 12
Per capita expense per week		7 46
Shoes made by the shoe shop boys for the Inst.		$1,426 00
Printing done by the Printing Office for the Inst.		708 47
		$2,134 47

TABLE NO. 3.

Inventory, and Appraisal of Real and Personal Estate, January 31, 1918.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES AND PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

Furniture, etc.	$1,000 00
Stationery and office supplies	400 00
Clothing and dry goods	4,827 00
Total	$6,227 00

SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Land	$21,000 00	
Buildings	44,000 00	
		$65,000 00
Bedding, clothing and dry goods		2,000 00
Household goods and furniture		4,000 00
Coal		1,500 00
School equipment and supplies		600 00
Agricultural Department, equipment and supplies		2,570 00
Engineering Department, equipment and supplies,		5,000 00
Shoemaking Department, equipment and supplies		8,000 00
Printing Department, equipment and supplies		2,000 00
Carpentry and Cabinet Department, equipment and supplies		1,500 00
Power Boat, equipment and supplies		600 00
Laundry Department, equipment and supplies		1,000 00
Total		$93,770 00

STATISTICS OF THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

TABLE NO. 4.

Number Committed during the year ending January 31, 1918, Classified by Offences.

Offences against property:	Number.	Percent
Breaking and entering	5	3.85
Breaking, entering and larceny	30	23.10
Larceny	23	17.69
Trespass	1	0.77
Offences against the person:		
Assault and battery	1	0.77
Larceny from the person	2	1.54
Other offences:		
Truancy	1	0.77
Stubbornness	14	10.75
Delinquent	9	6.92
Runaway	2	1.54
Drunkenness	1	0.77
Returned by Trustees	41	31.53
Total	130	100.00

TABLE NO. 4 A

Commitments, Discharges, and Number of Inmates during the last Ten Years.

	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
Total number in the Suffolk School for Boys at the beginning of the years . .	145	142	137	115	138	127	122	121	144	97
Total number committed	164	103	85	109	107	92	107	137	85	130
Total number during each year . . .	309	245	222	224	245	219	229	258	229	227
Total number discharged	167	108	107	86	118	97	108	114	132	97
Total number on the books of the Institution at the close of each year . . .	142	137	115	138	127	122	121	144	97	130

TABLE NO. 5.

Number Released on Probation and Discharged during the Year, and their Condition at end of Year.

	Total	Doing well	Doing fair.	Conduct Poor.	Returned to the Suffolk School for Boys.
RELEASED ON PROBATION.					
To home, to attend school	16	14	2	. .	6
To home, to work	68	57	8	3	10
To be indentured	13	11	1	1	1
Total number released on probation	97	82	11	4	17
Total discharged and released on probation	98				

TABLE NO. 6.

Number Committed during the Year from each of the Court Districts of the City.

Roxbury	21
South Boston	26
East Boston	10
Dorchester	10
Charlestown	8
Juvenile	8
Chelsea	3
Brighton	3
Superior	1
	90
Returned	40
Total	130

TABLE NO. 7.

Nativity, and Nativity of Father, of Boys Committed during the Year.

WHERE BORN.	NATIVTIY	PERCENT	NATIVITY OF FATHER.	PERCENT
Boston	95	73.08	9	6.92
Elsewherein Massachusetts	15	11.55	5	3.82
Elsewhere in United States	6	4.62	8	6.15
Foreign	14	10.75	96	73.85
Unknown			12	9.23
Total	130	100.00	130	100.00

TABLE NO. 8.

Number Committed by Months during the Year.

February, 1917	4	September, 1917	7
March, "	10	October, "	11
April, "	7	November, "	15
May, "	7	December, "	11
June, "	15	January, 1918	18
July, "	14		
August, "	11	Total	130

TABLE NO. 9.

Age of Boys at Commitment and at Release on Probation during the Year.

AGE.	Number Committed.	Percent.	Number Released.	Percent.
7 years	1	0.77		
8 "			1	1.03
9 "	5	3.85		
10 "	1	0.77	2	2.06
11 "	7	5.38	4	4.12
12 "	14	10.75	5	5.15
13 "	22	16.92	8	8.25
14 "	30	23.10	21	21.63
15 "	32	24.61	18	18.56
16 "	12	9.23	23	23.71
17 "	6	4.62	6	6.18
18 "			8	8.25
19 "			1	1.03
20 "			1	1.03
Totals	130	100.00	97	100.00
Average age	13.74	....	14.87	....

TABLE NO. 10.

Boys Discharged or Released during the Year, Classified by Duration of Commitment.

7	months or less		21	17	months or less		2
8	"	"	7	18	"	"	2
9	"	"	3	19	"	"	5
10	"	"	6	20	"	"	3
11	"	"	9	21	"	"	4
12	"	"	9	22	"	"	2
13	"	"	6	23	"	"	4
14	"	"	2	24	"	or over	6
15	"	'	3				
16	'	"	3		Total		97

Average number of months, spent in the Suffolk School for Boys by all boys discharged or released . . 12.46

TABLE NO. 11.

Conditions and Conduct at end of Year 1917 of all Boys on Probation outside the Suffolk School for Boys, subject to the Control of the Trustees.

CONDITIONS AND CONDUCT.	In Institutions.	On Probation. At home.	On Probation. On indenture and boarding.	On Probation. Working independently.	All boys on probation.	Percent.
Doing well	. . . .	232	21	5	258	84.59
Conduct fair	. . . .	24	1		25	8.20
Conduct unsatisfactory . . .	. . . .	8	2	. .	10	3.28
Have been in other penal institutions	4	. .	. .	. .		1.31
Whereabouts and conditions unknown	. . . .	5	3	. .	8	2.62
Total	4	269	27	5	305	100.00

TABLE NO. 12.

Status of all Boys under Twenty-one whose Names were on the Book of the Suffolk School for Boys from May 1, 1895, to January 31, 1918.

IN THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS		130
At home	244	
At home (attending school)	20	
Boarding	1	
Indentured (working)	20	
Indentured (at school)	3	
Working independently	5	
In penal institutions other than the Massachusetts Reformatory	4	
Lost sight of temporarily	8	
	—	305
DISCHARGED FROM THE CARE OF THIS DEPARTMENT.		
Released to go out of State	106	
In United States Army	147	
In United States Navy and Marine Corps	41	
In United States Revenue Cutter Service	1	
Committed to Industrial School at Shirley	17	
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory this year,	12	
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory, former years	217	
Deported	1	
Discharged to Massachusetts State Prison	5	
" to parents as unfit subjects	2	
" to Sockanosset School	2	
" to Lyman School	2	
" to Parental School	2	
" to Insane Hospital	3	
" to School for Feeble-Minded	8	
" to Home for Destitute Catholic Children	2	
" to Pauper Department	1	
" on account of error in commitment	2	
" on decision of Corporation Counsel	1	
" on writ of habeas corpus	3	
" on order of Trustees	373	
Fine cases discharged at expiration of sentence or on payment of fine	199	
Discharged on arriving at the age of twenty-one	406	
Died	43	
	—	1,596
NAMES OCCURRING MORE THAN ONCE ON THE RECORDS.		
Returned to Suffolk School for Boys this year	40	
Returned to Suffolk School for Boys previously	341	
Recommitted to Suffolk School for Boys by the courts this year	49	
Recommitted to Suffolk School for Boys by the courts previously	—	430
Total		2,461

TABLE NO. 13.

Occupation of Boys outside of the Suffolk School for Boys (subject to the control of the Trustees) having Employment January 31, 1918.

Errand boys	14	*Brought forward.*	56
Ushers	2	Check boys	5
Teamsters	18	Restaurant	1
Messenger boys	8	Paper boy.	1
Porters	2	Butcher	1
Grocer boys	2	Conductor	1
Longshoremen	5	Blacksmith	1
Laundry	1	Barber	1
Shippers	5	Farmers	3
Elevator boy	1	Roofer	1
Carried forward	56		71

Employed in factories	24	
" stores	12	
" shoe shops	11	
		47

Machine shop	18	
Garage	4	
Printers	5	
Ship-fitting	6	
Marine firemen	2	
Electricians	4	
Plumber	1	
		40
Total		158

STATISTICS OF THE PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

TABLE NO. 14.

Total Number of Investigations during the Year.

INVESTIGATIONS	NUMBER	PERCENT
For admission	1,175	40.73
Miscellaneous	1,072	37.16
Of boarding homes	64	2.22
Of free homes	43	1.49
For adoption and guardianship	9	.31
For release from Placing-Out Division	246	8.53
For release from Suffolk School For Boys (to parent's homes)	196	6.79
For return to Suffolk School For Boys from probation	80	2.77
Total	2,885	100.00

TABLE NO. 15.

Disposal of Applications for Admission of Children during the Year.

DISPOSAL.	SETTLEMENT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT OBTAINED.		TOTAL.	
	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.
Admitted	234	64.11	1	.76	. .	. .	235	46.44
Pending	26	7.13	. .	. .	3	33.33	29	5.73
Withdrawn	75	20.55	. .	. .	3	33.33	78	15.41
Refused	20	5.48	. .	. .	. .	. .	20	3.95
Referred to State Minor Ward Department	. .	. .	109	82.58	. .	. .	109	21.54
" Overseers of Poor, elsewhere	. .	. .	11	8.33	. .	. .	11	2.17
" State Adult Poor Department	. .	. .	10	7.57	3	33.34	13	2.57
" Mass. Society Prevention Cruelty to Children	4	1.10	. .	. .	. .	. .	4	.79
" St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum	2	.55	. .	. .	. .	. .	2	.40
" Boston Consumptive Hospital	1	.27	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.20
" Guild of the Infant Saviour	1	.27	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.20
" St. Mary's Infant Asylum	1	.27	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.20
" State Infirmary, Tewksbury	. .	. .	1	.76	. .	. .	1	.20
" Psycopathic Hospital	1	.27	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.20
Total	365	100.00	132	100.00	9	100.00	506	100.00

Ten dependent children were admitted this year for whom application had been made last year.

TABLE NO. 16.

Number of Dependent and Neglected Children Admitted during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Dependent Children	98	105	203
Neglected Children	13	19	32
Total	111	124	235

TABLE NO. 17.

Nativity, Parent Nativity (Father), and Color of Children Received during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.
Native born	200	98.52	32	100.00
Foreign born	3	1.48		
Total	203	100.00	32	100.00
White	187	92.12	24	75.00
Colored	16	7.88	8	25.00
NATIVITY OF FATHER.				
Native born	58	28.57	21	65.62
Canada and Provinces	13	6.40	8	25.00
Foreign born	109	53.70	2	6.25
Unknown	23	11.33	1	3.13
Total	203	100.00	32	100.00

TABLE NO. 18.

Parental Relation of Children Admitted during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.
Had both parents	102	50.25	27	84.38
No parents	6	2.95	2	6.25
Father only	49	24.14		
Mother only	10	4.93		
Illegitimate	36	17.73		9.37
Total	203	100.00	32	100.00
Step-mother	5		....	
Father sick or disabled	11		4	
Mother sick or disabled	61		4	
Both parents sick or disabled	16		....	
Head of family out of employment	41		6	
Intemperate father	40		11	
Intemperate mother	5		3	
Both parents intemperate,	3		9	
Parents separated	12		5	
Members of family had been arrested	31		19	
Parents known to have received charitable aid	123		23	
Parent mentally defective,	21		4	
Father deserted	22		....	
Mother deserted	5		2	
Both parents have deserted	18		4	

TABLE NO. 19.

Applications for Release, to Parents or Friends, Received during the Year.

	Applications.		Granted.		Refused.		Under Consideration.		Withdrawn.	
	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.	1917.	Percent.
Dependent children	106	54.36	99	58.57	3	37.50	4	22.22	.....	.....
Neglected children	17	8.71	14	8.29	.....	.....	3	16.67	.....	.....
From Suffolk School for Boys	72	36.93	56	33.14	5	62.50	11	61.11	.....	.....
Total	195	100.00	169	100.00	8	100.00	18	100.00		

TABLE NO. 20.

Ages of all Dependent and Neglected Children who were in Charge, Placed-Out, January 31, 1918.

AGES.	BOARDED.						INDENTURED.						TOTAL OF BOTH FOR THE YEAR.	Percent.
	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.		TOTAL BOARDING.	Percent.	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.		TOTAL INDENTURED.	Percent.		
	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.			Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.				
Under 1 year	6	7	..	..	13	1.90	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1.38
" 3 years and over 1	38	23	..	2	63	9.23	1	1	..	..	2	.7	65	6.91
" 5 " " 3	35	23	6	2	66	9.66	..	..	..	1	1	.39	67	7.12
" 10 " " 5	113	105	31	29	278	40.70	2	1	4	6	13	5.04	291	30.93
" 21 " " 10	43	38	11	15	107	15.67	4	4	2	1	11	4.26	118	12.54
" 51 " " 12	34	66	12	22	128	18.74	8	10	9	5	32	12.40	160	17.00
Over 15	12	9	3	4	28	4.10	53	83	36	27	199	77.13	227	24.12
Total	281	265	63	74	683	100.00	68	99	51	40	258	100.00	941	100.00

TABLE NO. 21

Children Discharged during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From Indenture	30	16	46
From Boarding	65	64	129
From other Institutions	28	22	50
Total	123	102	225

TABLE NO. 22.

Discharged from Indenture during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL
Entered the U. S. Service	15	..	15
Arrived at age	5	3	8
Discharged to friends and relatives	6	4	10
Married	..	3	3
Self-supporting	4	..	4
Died	..	1	1
Adoptions and guardianship	1	4	5
State Settlement	..	1	1
Total	31	16	47

TABLE NO. 23.

Applications from People desiring to take Children to Board or on Indenture.

APPLICATIONS.	BOARDING.	INDENTURE.
Total received	95	69
Approved	61	41
Disapproved	4	4
Withdrawn	9	1
Filled	32	26
Unfilled (on hand)	21	15

TABLE NO. 24.

Transfers during the Year.

Boys	225
Girls	264
Total	489

TABLE NO. 25.

Transfers of Indentured Children during the Year.

TRANSFERS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From indenture to indenture	28	41	69
From indenture to boarding	5	15	20
Total	33	56	89

TABLE NO. 26.

Indentured for first time during the Year.

INDENTURED.	BOYS.	GIRLS	TOTAL
From office	..	2	2
From boarding homes	30	19	49
Total	30	21	51

TABLE NO. 27.

Ages of Children Indentured (for first time) during the Year.

AGE.	BOYS.		GIRLS.		TOTAL.
	Dependent.	Neglected.	Dependent	Neglected.	
Under 5 years	..	..	..	2	2
7 "	..	..	..	1	1
9 "	..	4	..	..	4
11 "	..	..	1	1	2
12 "	..	..	1	..	1
13 "	..	2	2	1	5
14 "	3	..	1	1	5
15 "	4	3	3	3	13
16 "	11	1	2	3	17
17 "	2	..	..	1	3
18 "	..	..	..	1	1
19 "	1	..	..	..	1
Total	21	10	10	14	55

TABLE NO. 28.

Location of Children at Board and on Indenture January 31, 1918.

LOCATION.	BOARDED.					INDENTURED.				
	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.
Massachusetts	106	679	42	6	37	81	246	46	3	10
New Hampshire	2	3	2	1	..	1	2	2	2	.....
Vermont	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	2	1	.....
Rhode Island	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	.....
New York	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	.....
Connecticut	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	.....
Maine	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	1	.....
Total	109	683	45	8	37	91	258	54	10	10

TABLE NO. 29.

Classification of Homes January 31, 1918.

CLASSIFICATION.	BOARDING HOMES.			FREE HOMES.		
	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.
Number of homes with one child	127	. .	127	197	. .	197
" " two children	42	48	90	11	10	21
" " three "	18	26	44	1	7	8
" " four "	17	15	32			
" " five "	6	9	15	. .		
" " more than five children	4	4	8			

TABLE NO. 30.

Schooling of Placed-Out Children during the Year.

	BOARDED.	INDENTURED	TOTAL.
CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Of age (5–15)	512	57	569
Over school age	19	21	40
CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL			
Over school age	2	175	177
Under school age	145	5	150
Mentally unfit	4	..	4
Physically unfit	1	..	1
Total	683	258	941

TABLE NO. 31.

Average Number of Visits made to Dependent and Neglected Children during the Year.

Total number of children subject to visits (dependent and neglected)	941
Total number of visits made	2,975
Average number of visits to each child	3-|-

TABLE NO. 32.

Distribution of Children on the Rolls of this Department in the Care of other Institutions.

Massachusetts Hospital School	51
Long Island Hospital	28
Boston City Hospital	5
Boston Consumptive Hospital.	4
House of the Angel Guardian	3
St. Joseph's Industrial School	3
House of Good Shepherd	2
Westfield Sanatorium	1
American School for the Deaf	1
The Boston School for the Deaf, Randolph	2
Homeopathic Hospital	1
Lyman School for Boys.	1
Mass. School for Feeble-Minded	1
New England Hospital	1
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.	1
Psycopathic Hospital	1
Total	106